

Remarks:

This response is responsive to the final Office action dated June 30, 2005. Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1-13 and 29 remained pending in the application. Claims 5 and 9-13 have been indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Schmidt (US 6,512,626).

Although applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, claims 1-4, 6-7 and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 5 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form, each including the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8 and 10-13 depend from claim 9. All remaining claims, claims 5 and 8-13, thus are in allowable form.

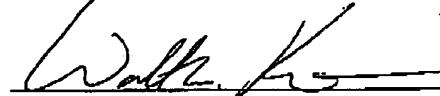
Regarding the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the claims indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the invention as claimed.

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Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance as filed. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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